

CITY PLANNING BOARD

Springfield, Ohio

Monday, April 12, 2021

7:00 P.M.

City Hall Forum

Meeting Minutes

(Summary Format)

Vice-Chairperson Jack Spencer called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M.

MEMBERS: Ms. Peg Foley, Ms. Christin Brown- Foley, Mr. Lorin Wear, Ms. Kathryn Lewis-Campbell, Ms. Peg Foley, Ms. Amanda Fleming, Mr. Charles Harris, and Mr. Jack Spencer.

MEMBERS ABSENT: Mr. Alex Wendt and Ms. Trisha George.

OTHERS PRESENT: Stephen Thompson, Planning, Zoning, and Code Administrator and other interested parties.

SUBJECT: Meeting minutes approval – March 8, 2021

Mr. Spencer asked for a motion to approve the minutes.

Ms. Fleming made a motion to approve the minutes. Seconded by Ms. Lewis-Campbell.

The minutes were approved by voice vote.

Case # 21-RW-01 Right of Way Vacation Request to vacate Maryland Ave from Skyline Lane to the dead end.

Mr. Thompson gave the staff report.

Mr. Spencer asked if the board had any questions for Mr. Thompson. Hearing none, Mr. Spencer asked if the applicant wished to speak.

Mr. Scott Judy, 1300 Skyline Lane. Springfield, Ohio.

Mr. Judy explained he grew up in the house and would really like to vacate the alley. Mr. Judy explained the neighborhood was nice and they would like to keep the property up. Mr. Judy explained it would give them a sense of security.

Mr. Foley thanked the applicant for a thorough application.

Mr. Spencer asked if there were any further questions for Mr. Thompson. Hearing none, Mr.

Spencer asked for a motion.

MOTION: Motion by Ms. Fleming to approve the request to vacate Maryland Ave from Skyline to the dead end. Seconded by Ms. Lewis-Campbell.

YEAS: Mr. Harris, Ms. Brown-Worthington, Mr. Wear, Ms. Foley, Mr. Wear, Ms. Lewis-Campbell, Ms. Fleming, and Mr. Spencer.

NAYS: None.

ABSTAIN: None.

Motion approved.

Case # 21-RW-02 Right of Way Vacation Request to vacate the first alley east of Nagley Ave from the first alley north of Fulton Ave north to the intersecting East West alley

Mr. Thompson gave the staff report.

Mr. Spencer asked if there was a time frame for the applicant to submit a cross access agreement.

Mr. Thompson stated he told the applicant the case would not go in front of the commission until the access agreement was turned in. Mr. Thompson stated there was no specific time frame but the board could set one. Mr. Thompson explained there were no objections from neighbors.

Mr. Spencer asked for a time recommendation.

Mr. Thompson stated three months seemed like it would be plenty of time.

Mr. Spencer explained if a time frame was not set, the case could be dragged out.

Mr. Thompson stated he was unsure where the applicant was in the process of getting the agreement.

Ms. Fleming stated she had some concerns for the future of the property. Ms. Fleming explained the applicant's current neighbors are ok with it but future neighbors may not be.

Mr. Thompson explained any neighbors that use the alley, the access easement agreement will give them and future residents permanent access through the former right of way.

Ms. Fleming explained it's not always that simple.

Mr. Spencer asked how parcels would be impacted by vacating the alley.

Mr. Thompson explained there were three other households, three property owners. They have access from Barclay.

Ms. Fleming explained the other alley was difficult to go through.

Mr. Spencer asked if the alley would be split between property owners.

Mr. Thompson stated that was correct and the access easement would prevent fences or any obstruction from blocking the alley. Mr. Thompson explained it would no longer be a public right of way.

Mr. Spencer stated it sounded reasonable.

Mr. Thompson explained the access agreement was a legal document and could be held up in court if someone was to build a fence.

Ms. Foley asked what the property owner gained by vacating the alley.

Mr. Thompson stated he was unsure.

Ms. Fleming stated the application did not explain his reason either.

The board expressed they wished the applicant was present to answer questions.

Mr. Spencer asked if there were any further questions. Hearing none, Mr. Spencer asked if the applicant wished to speak. Hearing none, Mr. Spencer asked for a motion.

MOTION: Motion by Ms. Fleming to table the case until the applicant could be present.
Seconded by Mr. Harris.

YEAS: Mr. Harris, Ms. Brown-Worthington, Mr. Wear, Ms. Foley, Mr. Wear, Ms. Lewis-Campbell, Ms. Fleming, and Mr. Spencer.

NAYS: None.

ABSTAIN: None.

Motion approved.

SUBJECT: Elect New Chair Person.

Motion by Mr. Harris to elect Mr. Jack Spencer as the Chair Person. Seconded by Ms. Fleming.

Approval by voice vote. Approved unanimously.

Mr. Thompson suggested table for next meeting to appoint a Vice-Chair person.

SUBJECT: Elect a board member as a representative for CEDA.

Ms. Fleming made a motion to elect Mr. Harris. Seconded by Mr. Spencer.

SUBJECT: Board Comments.

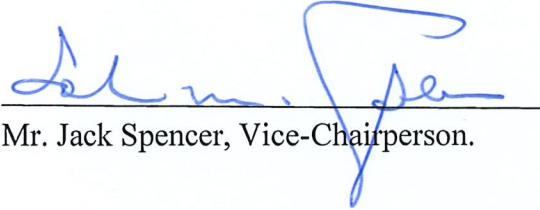
The board welcomed the new members.

SUBJECT: Staff Comments.

SUBJECT: Adjournment

Motion to adjourn by Ms. Fleming. Seconded by Mr. Harris.

Approved by voice vote. Adjourned at 7:30 P.M.



Mr. Jack Spencer, Vice-Chairperson.